Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is not the improvement of the economic condition of agriculturists one of the most important items of rural reconstruction?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will not the agriculturists be benefitted if they get two or three rupees more?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to see that this road is improved soon?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

PORATHISSERI PANCHAYAT—IMPROVEMENT OF TANK IN MAPRANAM BAZAAR

128. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to inform this House.—

(*a*) whether there were not repeated representations by the Porathisseri Panchayat from 1104 onwards regarding the improvement of the tank in Mapranam Bazaar;

(*b*) whether an amount of Rs. 1,450 was not sanctioned by Government in 1113;

(*c*) why provision was not made in the succeeding budgets for this work;

(*d*) whether there were not representations regarding this work even in 1115;

(*e*) will Government be pleased to look into the urgency of this work and undertake it as early as possible, at least, next year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The work has been sanctioned to be included in the budget proposals according to the availability of funds.

(*c*) More urgent and important works had to be provided for in the budget, and taken up for execution.

(*d*) The local Panchayat had requested to improve the tank.

(*e*) The work will be taken up for execution soon if more urgent works are not proposed by the Panchayat.

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